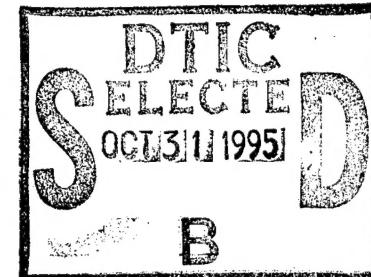


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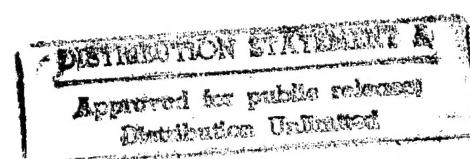
Reference: Contract N00014-94-C-0241  
"An Ultra-High Speed Incoherent-to-Coherent Converter  
for Optical Computing"

In accordance with contract data requirements, enclosed is the monthly status report for the period 1 February - 28 February 1995.

If you have any comments or questions you may contact me at (719) 576-4800.

Sincerely,

David W. Gardner  
Program Manager



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Contract N00014-94-C-0241**

**Monthly Status Report  
February 1 - February 28, 1995**

**DESCRIPTION**

Many optical computing problems are centered around the processing of incoherent images. These images may be conventional visible light such as those taken with a CCD imager or camcorder. They may also take the form of infrared images in the case of missile seekers or x-ray images from medical or other sources. For optical processing, these images must be converted to either phase or amplitude modulated coherent light. This is typically accomplished by electronically feeding the originally captured image into a spatial light modulator (e.g., liquid crystal or deformable mirror array) and modulating a coherent reference beam with the 2 dimensional data pattern. The electrical input to the SLM creates a data flow bottleneck in the optical processing system due to the inherently serial input architecture. SMD has proposed a novel incoherent to coherent image converter which solves this problem by providing a massively parallel, optical input feed capability. The proposed architecture utilizes a novel combination of micromachining and ultra-thinned wafer technology to achieve an integrated incoherent to coherent image converter. The converter is capable of directly converting UV, IR, visible, and x-ray energy to a coherent light representation allowing for maximum utilization of downstream optical processing.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

During February, device fabrication was started. Four - 2" silicon on sapphire wafers and four - 4" silicon on glass wafers were started. Patterning for the pn photosites was completed and the phosphorous and boron implant steps were done. The pn photodiodes are designed with a lateral capture cross-section of approximately 40 microns. With the present fabrication process, 72 SLM arrays and test structures will be generated.

**TO GO ACTIVITIES**

SLM fabrication will be completed in the next 10 days. This will include fabricating the micromachined grating elements over the photosites and removal of the sacrificial layer from beneath the aluminum bars. Completed devices will then be packaged in special test fixtures which will allow for backside and frontside illumination. After packaging, performance testing will begin.

A final report will be prepared and submitted documenting the work done on this program.

**PROBLEMS/CONCERNS**

None

## SCHEDULE/BUDGET

Device fabrication is currently about two weeks delayed; however, no impact to the overall program completion is anticipated. The program is within budget.

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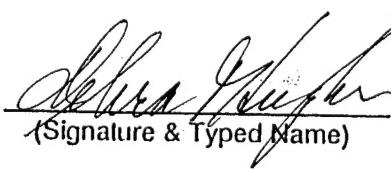
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